**Enhancing the Production Capacity of Panipat Reflnery**

†3023, DR. D. MASTHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation has sent a proposal to enhance the present production capacity of Panipat Oil Refinery to 9 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, the basis of the proposal to enhance the production capacity of the said oil refinery immediately; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this oil refinery is not utilising it$ existing production capacity to the optimum level; if not, the estimate of present rate of production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (lOCL) has undertaken the capacity expansion of its Panipat Refinery from 6 to 12 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA). The expansion proposal would meet the future shortfall in the demand and supply of petroleum products in the northern region.

(c) The actual crude throughput in 1998-99 was 2.208 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) and in 1999-2000, 4.153 MMT.

**Marketing rights of Private and Joint Sector Refineries**

3024. SHRI NAGENT)RA NATH OJHA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are considering a proposal to grant marketing rights to private and joint sector refineries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E POWWSWAMY): (a) and (b) Government have permitted marketing of decontrolled products to private and joint sector.

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have permitted marketing of decontrolled products to private and joint sector. Marketing of Kerosene and LPG is permitted to private and joint sector under Parallel Marketing Scheme (PMS).

The petroleum products under the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) are marketed by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies only. These products are Motor Spirit, High Speed Diesel, LPG (domestic), SKO (PDS), Aviation Turbine Fuel.

**Properties hired by PSUs in Mumbai and Delhi**

3025. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether various Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry have hired/taken on lease/rent residential/commercial properties in Mumbai and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such properties with area, rent being paid and names/addresses of owners;

(c) whether in many cases, the agreement has expired and landlords have desired for vacation; and

(d) if so, the details of such properties and the reaction of Government with regard to the landlord's request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) There are 13 Public Sector oil companies under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Almost all of them have residential/commercial properties taken on hire/lease in Delhi and Mumbai. Details of their area, rent, names/addresses of owners etc. are not readily available.

(c) and (d) In several cases, lease agreements have expired and the landlords have requested for vacation of accommodation. In many cases oil companies have not been able to vacate the premises for want of suitable alternative accommodation. Further, in some cases the owners have filed cases in different courts for vacation of the accommodation and the ntatter is subjudice.